



Alaska Division of Public Health

Prevention Promotion Protection

Alaska Influenza Report for the Week Ending May 17, 2014

This report provides a weekly snapshot of seasonal flu activity in Alaska to give general situational awareness. More detailed statistics about influenza are available on the Section of Epidemiology's (SOE) influenza page: <http://www.epi.alaska.gov/id/influenza/influenza.jsp>. Please call 907-269-8000 with any questions.

Alaska State Virology Laboratory (ASVL) Report for Week: 5/10 - 5/17/14	Influenza PCR Results: Total Flu A/H3 Positive: 4 Flu A/2009 H1 Positive: 0 Flu B Positive: 4 Total # specimens tested: 46 % positive for influenza: 17.4 Complete ASVL report available at: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Labs/Documents/pdfs/ASVL_WeeklyReport.pdf																																																																						
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*A detailed review of CDC influenza surveillance indicators is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/overview.htm>

**Institution includes hospital, nursing home, school, prison or other congregate setting.

***Lab-confirmed Influenza-associated deaths in adults became a reportable condition on Dec. 29, 2013.